

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Columbia, South Carolina

October 8, 2003

The State Board of Education held its October meeting at nine o'clock, Wednesday morning, October 8, 2003, in the Basement Conference Room of the Rutledge State Office Building. The following State Board members were in attendance: Mr. Greg Killian, Chair; Ms. Victoria Belin; Dr. Anne S. Crook; Mr. Jessie R. Curtis; Mr. Mike Forrester; Mrs. Brenda S. Fort; Mr. John H. Hostetler; Mr. Marion B. Lee, Jr.; Mrs. Kristin Maguire; Dr. Harriett L. Rucker; Mrs. Rebecca Smith; Mrs. Lisa H. Stevens; Mr. Chris Verenes; and Mrs. Kristi Woodall. Also present was staff of the State Department of Education. *(Board members unable to attend were Mr. Carlos A. Cervantes, Dr. Mary Jones, and Mrs. Terrye C. Seckinger who were excused for their absence.)*

OPENING

The meeting was brought to order by Chair Killian. Mrs. Smith led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2003

Mrs. Maguire moved for the approval of the minutes of the September 10, 2003, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Forrester. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA

Mrs. Maguire moved for the approval of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stevens and approved by the Board.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Chair Killian welcomed the visitors present. Mrs. Paula Gray reported that no news media were present.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

RECOGNITION OF THE RECIPIENTS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PUPIL TRANSPORTATION (NAPT) HEROISM AWARD

Superintendent Tenenbaum announced that the recipients of the National Association of Pupil Transportation Blue Bird Heroism Award were bus attendant Lynn Huskey and bus driver Sandra Plotar. Ms. Huskey and Ms. Plotar, along with local citizens who stopped to help, rescued eleven students from the South Carolina School of the Deaf and Blind from a burning school bus. Mr. Barney Smith, South Carolina representative of the Blue Bird Corporation, presented the awards to Benny Bridges, Director of Transportation, South Carolina School of the Deaf and Blind, who accepted on behalf of the two women.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENT WITH MAXIMUM SCORE ON THE SAT

Superintendent Tenenbaum recognized Armandeep Gill. Armandeep scored the highest possible score of 1,600 on the SAT last June. She is a senior at the Academic Magnet High School in the Charleston County School District. Accompanying Armandeep were her father and brother; Interim Associate Superintendent of Charleston Constituent School District No. 4, June Mullen; and her Guidance Counselor, Margaret Dobson.

Superintendent Tenenbaum presented an engraved marble pencil holder to Armandeep for this accomplishment.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public speakers for this meeting.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Marion B. Lee, Chair
Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee

Dr. Harriett Rucker, Chair
Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee

Mrs. Kristin Maguire, Chair
Finance and Legislative Committee

Mr. Greg Killian, Chair
Educational Policy Committee

56. Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee—Mr. Marion B. Lee reported that the Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee (TRTC) met on Tuesday, October 7, 2003.

01. Approval of Agenda for October 7, 2003—Mr. Lee reported that the agenda for the October 7, 2003, meeting was approved.

02. Approval of Minutes of September 9, 2003, TRTC Committee Meeting—Mr. Lee reported that the minutes from the September 9, 2003, meeting were approved as amended to include Mr. Mike Forrester as a member of the Committee.

03. TRTC Committee Meeting Overview—Mr. Lee reported that Dr. Janice Poda, Senior Director, Division of Teacher Quality, gave a brief overview of the items that were presented to the TRTC Committee.

04. Adopt passing scores for Praxis examinations in the four areas of Middle Level certification (Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics, and Science), Early Childhood Education, and Severe Disabilities (First Reading)—Mr. Lee reported that the State Board of Education is responsible for the adoption of certification examinations and passing scores under S.C. Ann. § 59-26-30.

On behalf of the TRTC Committee, Mr. Lee moved that the State Board of Education adopt passing scores for Praxis examinations in the four areas of Middle Level certification (Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics, and Science), Early Childhood Education, and Severe Disabilities (First Reading).

Following discussion, the motion carried.

05. Request from Francis Marion University to postpone their NCATE visit until the Fall 2005 semester—Mr. Lee reported that Dr. Tina Marshall-Bradley, Office of Teacher Preparation, Support, and Assessment, Division of Teacher Quality, familiarized the Board with the history leading to the current recommendation.

On behalf of the TRTC Committee, Mr. Lee moved that the State Board of Education grant Francis Marion University's request to postpone their NCATE visit until the Fall 2005 semester.

After discussion was held and questions answered, the motion failed.

55. Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee—Dr. Harriett Rucker reported that the Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee met on Tuesday, October 7, 2003.

01. Approval of Agenda for October 7, 2003—Dr. Rucker reported that the agenda for October 7, 2003, was approved.

02. Approval of Minutes of September 9, 2003—Dr. Rucker reported that the minutes of the September 9, 2003, Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee meeting were approved.

Dr. Rucker reported that item 55-03 was placed on the consent agenda.

04. Proposed amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-262 (Supp. 2002), Assessment Program (First Reading)—Dr. Rucker reported that the proposed amendments are intended to update the regulation to make it consistent with the requirements of current state and federal legislation.

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On behalf of the Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee, Dr. Rucker moved that the State Board of Education approve the proposed amendments to Regulation 43-262, Assessment Program (First Reading) with two amendments: 1) do not delete the last sentence of B.8. on page 55-04-07, but move it to the end of A.7. on page 55-04-05, and 2) do not delete "Education Oversight Committee" in A.4.e. on page 55-04-04. The motion was approved by the Board.

54. Finance and Legislative Committee—Mrs. Kristin Maguire reported that the Finance and Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, October 7, 2003.

01. Approval of Agenda for October 7, 2003—Mrs. Maguire reported that the agenda for the October 7, 2003, meeting was approved.

02. Approval of Minutes of September 9, 2003—Mrs. Maguire reported that the minutes of the September 9, 2003, Finance and Legislative Committee meeting were approved.

Mrs. Maguire reported that the following item was submitted for information:

- **State Board of Education Financial Statements**

Other Business

Mrs. Maguire reported that Mr. Killian received information on the Northwest Evaluation Association South Carolina Regional Members Conference being held on October 16–17, 2003, in Columbia and distributed copies of the information to Board members.

52. Educational Policy Committee—Chair Killian reported that the Educational Policy Committee met on Tuesday, October 7, 2003.

01. Approval of Agenda for October 7, 2003—Chair Killian reported that the agenda for the October 7, 2003, meeting was approved.

02. Approval of Educational Policy Committee Minutes of September 9, 2003—Chair Killian reported that the minutes for the September 9, 2003, Educational Policy Committee meeting were approved.

Chair Killian reported that items 52-03 and 52-04 were placed on the consent agenda.

05. Approval of the State Board of Education Agenda Preparation and Meeting Schedule for 2004

On behalf of the Educational Policy Committee, Chair Killian moved that the State Board of Education approve the State Board of Education Agenda Preparation and Meeting Schedule for 2004 with the amendment that the July 2004 meeting be changed from July 21, 2004, to July 14, 2004.

Mr. Verenes moved to amend the motion to use the schedule as originally proposed by the State Department of Education. Dr. Crook seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

The motion as amended was then approved by the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were approved by the Board without further debate upon motion by Mr. Lee seconded by Mrs. Maguire:

55-03. Proposed amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-234 (Supp. 2001), Defined Program, Grades 9–12 (First Reading)

The Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee approved this item as presented.

52-03. Approval of State Board Volunteer Awards Nominating Committee Selections for the 2003 Volunteer Awards Program

The Policy Committee approved this item as presented.

52-04. Proposed amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-273 (Supp. 2001), Transfers and Withdrawals (First Reading)

The Policy Committee approved this item as presented.

REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TEACHER LICENSURE ISSUES OF OCTOBER 7, 2003

Chair Killian gave a report of the actions taken by the State Board of Education concerning teacher licensure issues in the State of South Carolina on Tuesday, October 7, 2003.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2003

Mrs. Maguire moved for the approval of the minutes of the October 7, 2003, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Verenes and approved by the Board.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Killian announced that he received a request from several of the Board members to look into the procedures for teacher licensure suspensions and revocations. Chair Killian appointed an ad hoc committee, consisting of Mrs. Stevens, Mr. Forrester, Dr. Rucker, and Mrs. Woodall, to meet with the Department attorneys and bring back a report to the Board by the January 2004 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Chair Killian declared the Board adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Chair

Secretary

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